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1. Production of hard coal in the People's Republic (DDR) amounted in 1952 to 3,160,000 tons. For the year 1955 a production of 4 million tons is planned.

2. In 1952 imports were planned as follows:

From the USSR, 100 thousand tons hard coal and 300 thousand tons anthracite coke.

From Poland, 3,300,000 " " " " 600 " " " "

Czechoslovakia, 670 " " " "

The actual deliveries from these countries were only 2,780,000 tons of hard coal and 1,222,000 tons of coke. The metallurgical industry of the Soviet Zone tried to make up the deficit by the use of brown coal.

3. The principal plants producing carbonized brown coal coke are the Grosskraftwerk Hirschfelde and the Kombinat Bohlen. Brown coal production reached a peak of 1,583,600 tons in 1952. A production of 2,600,000 tons is planned for 1955. The greater part of this coal is used by the Soviet Aktiengesellschaft (SAG) plants. Twelve large coal works are now under Soviet occupation.

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